

FIG. 1

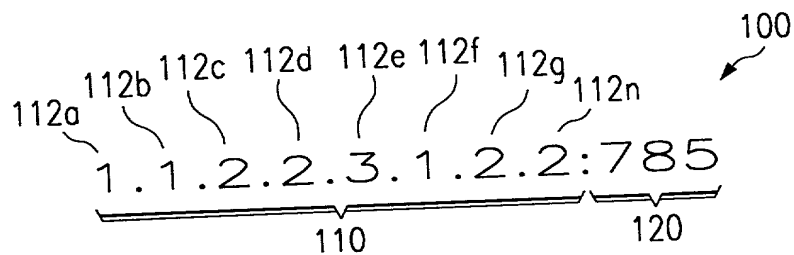


FIG. 3



The diagram illustrates a content distribution system 40. It features a central processing area containing a Global Content Directory 42, a GCD Interface 43, and a Search Interface 45. The Global Content Directory 42 is connected to the GCD Interface 43. The GCD Interface 43 is connected to the Search Interface 45. Multiple Sellers 30a, 30b, ..., 30n are connected to the Search Interface 45. Each Seller 30i is connected to a corresponding Content Source 32i. Buyers 20a, 20b, ..., 20n are connected to the GCD Interface 43 and the Search Interface 45.

FIG. 5

PID	PRODUCT TYPE	MANUFACTURER	INK COLOR	TIP SIZE	PRICE
23	BALL POINT	ABC	BLUE	MEDIUM	0.12
29	BALL POINT	ABC	BLACK	MEDIUM	0.12
56	BALL POINT	XYZ	BLACK	MEDIUM	0.13
98	BALL POINT	XYZ	GREEN	MEDIUM	0.13
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12	FELT TIP	XYZ	BLACK	BROAD	0.17
16	FELT TIP	ABC	BLACK	BROAD	0.18
56	FELT TIP	ABC	RED	FINE	0.16
123	FELT TIP	XYZ	RED	FINE	0.16
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2	ROLLER BALL	XYZ	BLUE	FINE	0.25
59	ROLLER BALL	XYZ	BLACK	FINE	0.25
143	ROLLER BALL	XYZ	BLACK	MEDIUM	0.22
456	ROLLER BALL	ABC	RED	EXTRA FINE	0.29
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FIG. 6

